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SUBJ: POLICY ATMOSPHERICS

1. SINCE MID- FEBRUARY THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL DEVELOPMENTS WHICH, IN MY VIEW, ADD UP TO A SHIFT BY THE GOBI LEADERSHIP AWAY FROM THE ECONOMIC NATIONALISM WHICH HAS MARKED BAHAMIAN POLICY OF THE LAST TWO OR THREE YEARS AND TOWARD THE BEGINNINGS OF A PROCESS OF FACING UP TO THE REALITIES OF INDEPENDENCE.

2. THE FIRST STEP WAS THE REALIGNMENT OF THE BAHAMIAN DOLLAR AT PAR WITH THE U. S. (REPORTED IN NASSAU 222). THIS MARKED A RETREAT FROM THE OVERVALUATION OF THE BAHAMIAN DOLLAR, WHICH WAS EFFECTED IN AUGUST 1971 PRIMARILY FOR REASONS OF NATIONALISM.

3. THE NEXT STEP, THE CABINET SHIFTS OF MARCH 1 (SEE NASSAU 249 AND 367), SIGNALLED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAD MARSHALLED ENOUGH BACKING WITHIN HIS PARTY FOR HIS MODERATE POLICIES TO
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ENABLE HIM TO ASSERT HIS LEADERSHIP AND MOVE EFFECTIVELY AGAINST THE MORE EXTREME MEMBERS OF HIS GOVERNMENT, PARTICULARLY IN THE IMPORTANT AREA OF IMMIGRATION POLICY.

4. THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT IS THE NEW BUDGET (SEE NASSAU 438), WHICH IS MORE REALISTIC THAN SEVERAL OF ITS PREDECESSORS AND INDICATES THAT THE CABINET HAS AT LENGTH STARTED TO COME TO GRIPS WITH THE DECLINE IN THE LOCAL ECT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO DEFENSE TO HAVE

CERTIFIED COPY OF INS FILE ON LUTHER EDUARDO PETERS AKA THOMAS RECARDO (SEE STATE 164301 OF SEPT. 8, 1972), WHO WAS GRANTED VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE FROM VIRGIN ISLANDS TO ANTIGUA ON APRIL 14, 1972.

4. SINCE MARTIN TRIAL MAY COME UP EARLY ON CALENDAR OF MAY ASSIZES, DEPARTMENT SHOULD REMIND VA THAT DR. WALTER FORDE, VA WACO HOSPITAL SHOULD BE PREPARED TO TRAVEL ANTIGUA TO ATTEND TRIAL ON SHORT NOTICE. EMBASSY WILL COMMUNICATE DATE OF TRIAL TO DEPARTMENT AND TO KINGSTON FOR DR. BEAUBRUN AS SOON AS IT IS KNOWN.
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